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WHAT TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

In the article entitled "Taking Out an Insurance Policy Against War," appearing in this issue of The Negro Farmer, you will find a number of important directions for September.

PRIZE CABBAGES

A Bouncer Weighing 14¼ Pounds, Draws $5.00 —Another Fine One Weighing 9 Pounds, Draws $2.50

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

Less Ironing in Summer

Necessarily the washings are larger in warm weather than in cold and correspondingly should the ironing be cut down. The washable cotton crepe which comes in white and every color and every design is a boon because it need not be ironed. It makes up attractively in dresses, waists, underwear and children's clothes. The stiffly-starched petticoats which used to ornament the clotheslines by the half dozen are now a thing of the past among well-dressed people. Starch, above all things, is to be avoided, and the clinging crepe, silk or unstarched soft muslin takes the place of the boards of a few years back. The crepe garments must be pinned on the line so that they fall in straight lines. As soon as dry they can be hung away in the closets ready for use.

Knit underwear instead of muslin for both men and women does away with further ironing.

Stockings are better unironed.

If sheets, dish towels and every-day hand towels are hung straight upon the line and folded up as soon as taken off the line they may be used without ironing.

Smaller tablecloths, coming only a couple of inches below the edge of the table, will make both washing and ironing easier.

Paper napkins and paper towels kept on hand to be used, wherever they can, instead of the linen articles, are another laundry saver. —Janet Thomas Van Osdel in National Farmer and Stock Grower.

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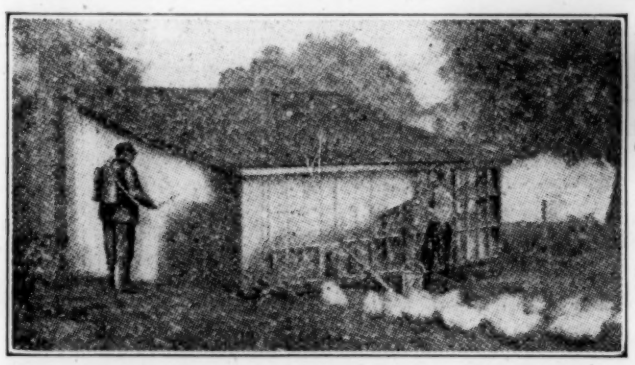

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Saturday, August 29, 1914

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The Editor's Page

THE NEGRO FARMER IS MORE THAN A FARM PAPER

More and more the public is coming to realize that although The Negro Farmer is a farm journal, first of all, it is more than that.

The comment below from the Southwestern Christian Advocate of New Orleans is just one of a large number made by persons who are realizing that this is a paper for all the people:

"We are glad to note that the Negro Farmer has increased its number of pages and is filling so admirably its place in the journalism of the race. Every farmer should subscribe to this paper. Every one interested in the development of real life should take it. There is always much in it of interest."

After all, what is good for a farmer is good for anybody else.

WHILE THE WAR LASTS

A Message to all Colored People

Unless the war in Europe ends before these words reach the readers of The Negro Farmer, the United States will seriously feel the effects of the struggles being waged on that continent by the great powers which have unsheathed their swords. If the conflict goes on a few months longer, "harder times" than these will be brought home to every family of the middle and poorer classes of the people. The Negro, being so largely engaged in common labor on the farm, in the shop and domestic service will feel the hard times more than any one else, and will be the least prepared for them. This is no time to discuss the "whys." It is enough to know that such is the case. We are concerned to know what our colored people shall do "to be saved."

The Negro Farmer sends the following messages to the classes of its colored readers named below—

Farmers

Raise your own food. To understand this, read the article in the first part of this paper, entitled, "Taking Out an Insurance Policy Against War." Cut down expenses.

Men on Public Works

War means that public work stops, and the laborers are thrown out of employment. Cut off every unnecessary expense. No drinking, no treating, no gambling, no laying off from work; and it may not be a bad idea to give your money to your wife and ask her to keep it for you while the war clouds threaten. Cut down expenses.

Men in the Trades

If your work gives out and you can't follow your trades, "whatsoever thy hands findeth to do, do it with thy might." If wages are reduced, keep busy. Cut down expenses.

Men in the Shops

During dull times the poorest and laziest workmen are "laid off" first. Do your best now. If possible, give 150 per cent worth of work for 100 per cent worth of pay. It may keep you from several months of idleness. Cut down expenses.

Men in the Employ of Corporations

Give the best service you are capable of. Please the man who is directly over you, and make his interest yours. Cut down expenses.

Professional Men in America

You get your support from the common laborers. It is not possible to tell how the war is going to affect them. Cut down your expenses. Have your old suits of clothes cleaned and pressed. Don't buy the new buggy now. Wait a while before you get the automobile. Make few new investments until you see how the war is going. Buy no new clothes that can not be paid for in cash.

Teachers

School terms may be shortened on account of tight times. Plant some vegetables. Read the article in this paper on "Taking out an Insurance Policy Against War" and act accordingly. Teachers are seldom blessed with much money. During hard times, they find it hard to make both ends meet. Cut down your expenses.

Wives of Professional Men

The average colored professional man wants his wife—his family—to have as many of the comforts as possible. But wars have no more chivalry toward women than toward men. It therefore becomes the duty of women, as well as men, to help rob war of its terrors, so far as they affect the wealth of the household. The wives can help by buying no new clothes that cannot be paid for in cash. Looking more carefully after the preparation of the meals to see that there is no waste, where help is hired.

Reducing the number of receptions and entertainments this winter.

Going to fewer moving picture shows. The use of less expensive foods. Reducing the dressmakers' bills. Using good hard common sense and not trying to dress, live or act on the same scale as women whose husbands are in better circumstances than their own.

Not employing too much hired help. Reducing expenses.

Women in Domestic Service

Don't quit work. It may be well to take a little "sassing." Hold your job and be sure that you have something to do. Don't spend your money.

Churches and Pastors

Don't begin building any new churches now. It would be a great pity to place a great church debt upon a congregation while people are not certain that they can hold their jobs.

All Kinds of Men.

If any one must be extravagant in your homes let it be your wives.

Cut off all your extravagances.

Smoke fewer cigars and chew less tobacco.

Work more.

Buy fewer clothes.

Talk to the wives about the expenses. Tell them you are not certain that you can hold your "job." Ask them to be reasonable. If you have divided your money with them when all was well, they're likely to be pretty considerate with you.

Reduce expenses.

FINAL PRIZE LIMIT ESSAY CONTEST

Owing to the urgent request of several of the contestants in the Negro Farmer Prize Essay Contest, the final date for sending in the essays and subscriptions has been extended from August 31, to September 12, 1914, by which date all subscriptions which contestants have received, the money for the same and the essays must all be in The Negro Farmer office. There is yet time for a great deal of good work.

COLORED AGRICULTURIST HONORED

State Commissioner of Agriculture Kolb, of Alabama, appointed Mr. G. R. Bridgeforth a delegate to the meeting of the Cotton Growers of the South—white—which met on August 13th and 14th, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Bridgeforth is the Director of Agricultural Industries of the Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

War News in This Paper is "Boiled Down" so You Can Understand It. Look Under the "Farmers' Dictionary"

FARMERS' DICTIONARY

WORDS OFTEN USED NOW IN THE WAR NEWS

Neutral Nation.—One that takes no part in a war or contest between other nations.

Contraband of War.—Anything which one nation at war with another country does not permit other nations to give or sell the nation she is fighting. For instance, Germany has declared fire-arms to be contraband of war. Therefore, no other country may sell fire-arms to France without danger of having the guns seized or having Germany declare war against it.

Censorship.—That power which officials are now using in the different countries to examine all letters, telegrams, cablegrams and wireless telegraphic message to see that they do not contain any news that should not be sent out of the country.

Evacuate.—To leave a place.

Belligerent.—A nation that is recognized as carrying on a war.

Blockade.—To blockade a place is to surround it so that no one can go in and no one can come out.

WHY BELGIUM IS FIGHTING GERMANY

At the very beginning of the war, Germany began sending her troops to attack France. To get to French territory, she wished to cross Belgium, but Belgium was neutral, that is, was taking no part in the war; and so would not give Germany permission to cross her territory. Germany sought to cross without permission, hence, Belgium engaged her in battle.

HOW JAPAN GOT INTO THE WAR

First of all, Japan has a treaty or agreement with Great Britain under which either one of the two is to help the other in case of a war with another nation. Not only that, but the same treaty provides that peace shall be maintained in Eastern Asia, and that the great nations shall not destroy the Chinese Empire (Republic) by dividing it among themselves.

Great Britain, being at war with Germany, called on Japan to enter the conflict also.

Japan found an easy excuse to find a quarrel with Germany; and this is how it was done: In the China-Japan War of 1894, Japan captured Port Arthur. When the war closed, Germany was one of the nations which would not consent for Japan to keep Port Arthur and so, Japan had to give it up. This left her bitter against Germany.

In 1897, however, Germany, wishing some Chinese territory for herself, seized the town and bay of Kiao-Chow in Shantung, China, claiming that she took them to pay for the murder of some German missionaries in that district. Since taking this town, Germany has made a great fort out of it, and is today the only European power in North China. This fort is opposite Korea and very near to the Japanese Islands.

Japan holds that the presence of a foreign power at Kiao-Chow is dangerous to the peace of the East, therefore, since the treaty with Great Britian is intended to keep peace in the East and to keep Chinese territory from being divided, Japan gets into the general quarrel by demanding—

1. That Germany take all of her war-ships out of Japanese and Chinese waters since they are against the peace of those countries; and

2. That Germany give back to China at once the town of Kiao-Chow without asking any pay for it or making any conditions—this to be done by September 15; but Germany's answer to be received by August 23.

HOW THE NATIONS ARE "LINED UP"

On one side—Great Britian, Japan, France, Belgium and the Slavic countries of Russia, Servia and Montenegro.

On the other side are Germany and Austria-Hungary.

ONE REASON WHY ITALY DOES NOT WANT TO FIGHT

The wife of the King of Italy is the daughter of the King of Montenegro. The Montenegrins, Servians and Russians are all kin. So, to fight Russia, as Italy would be expected to do if it went to Germany's assistance as a member of the Triple Alliance, would be to fight the race and kinsmen of the wife of Italy's King.

Dynamite

Many persons hesitate to use dynamite because of its reputed danger. As a matter of fact, the hazzard is no greater than in work not commonly regarded as dangerous.

Nitroglycerine is very sensitive to shocks and explodes when heated to 180 degrees Centigrade. Dynamite is nitroglycerine absorbed in some porous earthy material, commonly infusorial earth. If properly made, a very severe concussion is necessary to explode it. It is not uncommon for a miner to pack the earth over a charge of dynamite with a bar and sledge.

When dynamite has been stored for many months, the nitroglycerine may settle and concentrate upon the lower surface and it is then very dangerous. All accidents in the use of dynamite are due to the poor quality or to extreme carelessness in handling. To guard against the former, buy a standard brand, insist upon a stamp showing recent date of manufacture and do not store it for many months.

It is advisable to use gloves when handling dynamite because the skin readily absorbs nitroglycerine, causing headache or other illness. The fumes resulting from an explosion have a similar effect. Above all things, never approach a charge which has missed fire until a day has passed.—Henry A. Doerner, Colorado Agricultural College.

DR. WASHINGTON'S FOOD

Many persons have often remarked the unusually good health of Dr. Booker T. Washington and have wondered just what his daily bill of fare contains.

When he is at home, of course, his meals are supervised by Mrs. Washington; but when traveling, he has to depend upon some one else.

By the merest accident The Negro Farmer man discovered that Mrs. Washington, Dr. Washington's family physician and Prof. George W. Carver, Director of the Department of Research and the Agricultural Experiment Station at Tuskegee help keep the Doctor in good health.

Knowing that our farmer friends will be interested to know that a farmer helps to suggest what the world-famed Negro leader shall eat so that he may still be spared to us for many years to come, The Negro Farmer is publishing below the last fruit and vegetable list which the "farmer" sent to Dr. Washington; and this paper apologizes to our great leader for making public this matter relative to his private affairs, but believes that others will want to know what some of the foods are which help keep him well and, therefore, useful. The list was sent to Mr. Washington on August 5, 1914, as follows:

"Mr. B. T. Washington:

"Below you will find some fruit and vegetable suggestions that should form a part of your daily menu (bill of fare), unless your family physician, who has made a careful study of your system, should say no. In all cases I have suggested several so that, when some are out of season, others can be substituted, or when the particular taste is partial to one it may be used as long as desired.

Breakfast

Peaches, Plums, Figs, Baked Apples. Apples, Grapes, Pears (mellow). Blackberries, Strawberries, Oranges, Grape-fruit, Bananas with cream.

Baked Potatoes, Asparagus Tips (creamed), Creamed Potatoes, Hash-brown Potatoes.

Dinner

Blackberry Sauce, Fig Sauce Stewed Peaches, Stewed Pears, Plum Sauce, Apple Sauce with cream, Strawberry Sauce.

Tomato Soup, Sliced Tomatoes, Baked or Stuffed Tomatoes, Potatoes, any form, Egg Plant, any style, Parsnips, Carrots, Beets, Turnips or Rutabagas, with their tops, Squash, Corn, Beans or Peas, Onions, any style (if the stomach will stand them.)

Peach Sauce, Fig Sauce, Plum Preserves, Jellies, Marmalades, etc., may be appropriately eaten, Apple Sauce, Blackberry Jam, Stewed Prunes, any fruit jams.

Supper

Breaded Tomatoes, Salsify, Creamed Peas, Baked or Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Asparagus.

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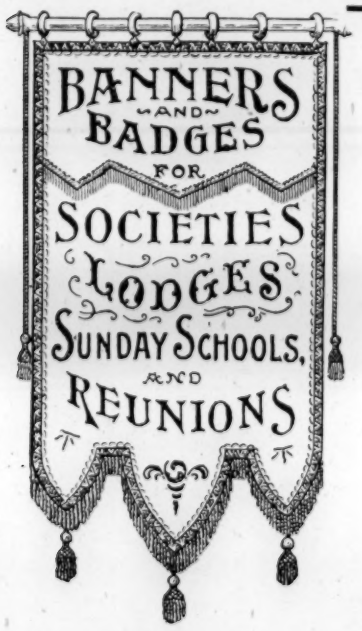

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